

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached is a question which may be raised during the confirmation hearings and a proposed answer along the lines we discussed with you last evening. Independently, the Department of Justice has prepared an excellent legal paper supporting the authority of the President to conduct activities in the field of foreign relations without specific statutory authority and to assign the appropriate role to CIA. A copy of this opinion is also attached for your information.

c/ *Lawrence R. Houston*

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON 17 January 1962
General Counsel

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